

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A radio equipment changing antenna directivity on real time basis and transmitting/receiving signals time divisionally to/from a plurality of terminals, comprising:

a plurality of antennas arranged in a discrete manner; and

a transmission circuit and a reception circuit sharing said plurality of antennas for transmitting/receiving signals; wherein

said reception circuit includes

a reception signal separating unit for separating a signal from a specific terminal among said plurality of terminals, based on signals from said plurality of antennas, when a reception signals is received, and

a reception transmission path estimating unit estimating a reception response vector of a propagation path from said specific terminal, based on signals from said plurality of antennas, when said reception signal is received;

said transmission circuit includes

transmission propagation path estimating unit estimating a transmission response vector of a transmission path when a transmission signal is transmitted, based on a result of estimation by said reception propagation path estimating unit, and

a transmission directivity control unit updating said antenna directivity when said transmission signal is transmitted, based on a result of estimation by said transmission propagation path estimating unit; and

said transmission propagation path estimating unit includes

an extrapolation processing unit calculating said transmission response vector of a down link slot to said specific terminal, by an extrapolation process based on a plurality of said reception response vectors of up link slots from said specific terminal estimated by said reception propagation path estimating unit,

a memory holding a plurality of parameters used for said extrapolation process, determined in advance in accordance with the propagation environment of said propagation path, and

a selecting unit estimating the propagation environment of said propagation path, selecting a parameter corresponding to said estimated propagation environment among said held plurality of parameters, and
35 applying the selected parameter to extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit.

2. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein
said parameter is an extrapolation distance in the extrapolation
process by said extrapolation processing unit, said memory holds a plurality
of extrapolation distances determined in advance in accordance with
5 Doppler frequencies representing said propagation environment, and said
selecting unit estimates Doppler frequency of said propagation path, selects
the extrapolation distance corresponding to said estimated Doppler
frequency among said held plurality of extrapolation distances and applies
the selected extrapolation distance to the extrapolation process by said
10 extrapolation processing unit.

3. The radio equipment according to claim 2, wherein
said selecting unit selects a shorter extrapolation distance when the
estimated Doppler frequency is lower, and selects a longer extrapolation
distance when the estimated Doppler frequency is higher.

4. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein
said parameter is an extrapolation distance in an extrapolation
process by said extrapolation processing unit, said memory holds a plurality
of extrapolation distances determined in advance in accordance with a
5 signal error between said separated signal and an expected desired signal,
which represents said propagation environment and
said selecting unit estimates signal error of said propagation path,
selects the extrapolation distance corresponding to said estimated signal
error among said held plurality of extrapolation distances and applies the
10 selected extrapolation distance to the extrapolation process by said
extrapolation processing unit.

5. The radio equipment according to claim 4, wherein
said selecting unit selects a shorter extrapolation distance when the
estimated signal error is larger, and selects a larger extrapolation distance
when the estimated signal error is smaller.

6. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein
said parameter is an extrapolation distance in an extrapolation
process by said extrapolation processing unit, said memory holds a plurality
of extrapolation distances determined in advance in accordance with
5 Doppler frequencies and a signal error between said separated signal and an
expected desired signal, which represent said propagation environment, and
said selecting unit estimates the Doppler frequency and the signal error of
said propagation path, selects an extrapolation distance corresponding to
said estimated Doppler frequency and the signal error among said held
10 plurality of extrapolation distances and applies the selected extrapolation
distance to the extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit.

7. The radio equipment according to claim 6, wherein
said selecting unit temporarily selects an extrapolation distance
corresponding to said estimated Doppler frequency, and corrects said
temporarily selected extrapolation distance in accordance with said
5 estimated signal error.

8. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein
the relation between said propagation environment and said
plurality of parameters is determined individually for every said radio
equipment.

9. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein
the relation between said propagation environment and said
plurality of parameters is determined commonly to a plurality of said radio
equipments.

10. In a radio equipment changing antenna directivity on real time basis and transmitting/receiving signals time divisionally to/from with a plurality of terminals, a Doppler frequency estimating circuit estimating Doppler frequency of a propagation path with a specific terminal,
5 comprising:

a reception signal separating unit separating a signal from said specific terminal among said plurality of terminals based on signals received by a plurality of antennas arranged in a discrete manner;

10 a reception propagation path estimating unit estimating a reception response vector of a propagation path from said specific terminal, based on signals received by said plurality of antennas;

a correlation operating unit calculating a vector correlation value based on reception response vectors preceding and succeeding in time estimated by said reception propagation path estimating unit; and
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an estimating unit estimating a Doppler frequency corresponding to the vector correlation value calculated by said correlation operating unit, based on correspondence between vector correlation values and Doppler frequencies determined in advance experimentally.

11. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

5 said correlation operating unit includes a calculating unit calculating an instantaneous correlation value between said reception response vectors preceding and succeeding in time and outputting calculated value as said vector correlation value.

12. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

said correlation operating unit includes
5 a calculating unit calculating an instantaneous correlation value between said reception response vectors preceding and succeeding in time, and
an averaging unit weight-averaging a past correlation value and a

10 present correlation value calculated by said calculating unit with a prescribed weight coefficient, and outputting an obtained average value as said vector correlation value.

13. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 12, wherein

5 said prescribed weight coefficient is set such that a weight for a past correlation value is large and a weight for a present correlation value is small.

14. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

5 said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value based on a reception response vector of a present frame slot and a reception response vector of an immediately preceding frame slot.

15. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

5 said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value based on a reception response vector of a present frame slot, and a reception response vector of a most recent slot free of any reception error among past frame slots.

16. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

5 said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value based on a reception response vector of a former half and a reception response vector of a latter half of one slot.

17. A radio equipment changing antenna directivity on real time basis and transmitting/receiving signals time divisionally to/from a plurality of terminals, comprising:

a plurality of antennas arranged in a discrete manner; and

5 a transmission circuit and a reception circuit sharing said plurality of antennas for transmitting/receiving signals; wherein

said reception circuit includes

10 a reception signal separating unit separating a signal from a specific terminal among said plurality of terminals, based on signals from said plurality of antennas, when a reception signal is received, and

a reception propagation path estimating unit estimating a reception response vector of a propagation path from said specific terminal based on signals from said plurality of antennas, when said reception signal is received;

15 said transmission circuit includes

a transmission propagation path estimating unit estimating a transmission response vector of a propagation path when a transmission signal is transmitted, based on a result of estimation by said reception propagation path estimating unit, and

20 a transmission directivity control unit updating said antenna directivity when said transmission signal is transmitted, based on a result of estimation by said transmission propagation path estimating unit;

said transmission propagation path estimating unit includes

25 an extrapolation processing unit calculating said transmission response vector of a down link slot to said specific terminal, by an extrapolation process based on a plurality of said reception response vectors of up link slots of said specific terminal estimated by said reception propagation path estimating unit,

30 a Doppler frequency estimating unit estimating a Doppler frequency of said propagation path,

a memory holding a plurality of parameters used for said extrapolation process, determined in advance in accordance with the Doppler frequencies of said propagation path, and

35 a selecting unit selecting a parameter corresponding to said estimated Doppler frequency among said held plurality of parameters and applying the selected parameter to the extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit; and

said Doppler frequency estimating unit includes
a correlation operating unit calculating a vector correlation value
40 based on reception response vectors preceding and succeeding in time
estimated by said reception propagation path estimating unit, and
an estimating unit estimating a Doppler frequency corresponding to
the vector correlation value calculated by said correlation operating unit,
based on correspondence between vector correlation values and Doppler
45 frequencies determined in advance experimentally.

18. The radio equipment according to claim 17, wherein
said correlation operating unit includes a calculating unit
calculating an instantaneous correlation value between said reception
response vectors preceding and succeeding in time and outputting the
5 calculated value as said vector correlation value.

19. The radio equipment according to claim 17, wherein
said correlation operating unit includes
a calculating unit calculating an instantaneous correlation value
between said reception response vectors preceding and succeeding in time,
5 and
an averaging unit weight-averaging a past correlation value and a
present correlation value calculated by said calculating unit with a
prescribed weight coefficient, and outputting an obtained average value as
said vector correlation value.

20. The radio equipment according to claim 19, wherein
said prescribed weight coefficient is set such that a weight for a past
correlation value is large and a weight for a present correlation value is
small.

21. The radio equipment according to claim 17, wherein
said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value
based on a reception response vector of a present frame slot and a reception

response vector of an immediately preceding frame slot.

22. The radio equipment according to claim, 17, wherein
said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value
based on a reception response vector of a present frame slot and a reception
response vector of a most recent slot free of any reception error among past
5 frame slots.

23. The radio equipment according to claim 17, wherein
said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value
based on a reception response vector of a former half and a reception
response vector of a latter half of one slot.